

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On September 30, 1899, Elmer Sevrine Erickson was born to Peter and Lizzie Erickson in Great Falls, Montana; and,

WHEREAS, The Norwegian language was the only language Elmer could speak when he started school in Paulina, Iowa, because that was the only language his mother spoke; and,

WHEREAS, In 1917, Elmer's family moved to South Dakota and bought a farm southwest of Carthage; and,

WHEREAS, On September 16, 1924, Elmer was united in marriage to Bernice Stratton and they lived and farmed in the same area of Carthage, South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Elmer and Bernice were blessed with six children, 25 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren; and,

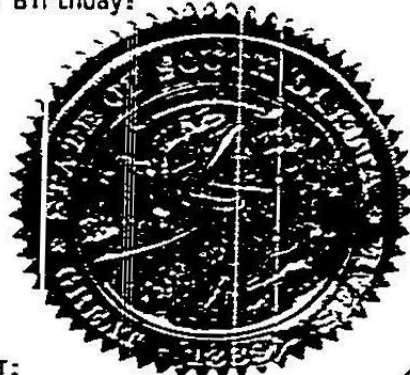
WHEREAS, Elmer has always been a faithful and active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Carthage, he served on the local school board for many years, and Elmer is often found participating in one of his favorite pastimes--playing dominoes with his Carthage Senior Citizen group; and,

WHEREAS, On September 30, Elmer will reach his 90th birthday, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this momentous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 30, 1989, as

ELMER SEVRINE ERICKSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing Elmer a very Happy Birthday!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Hazelstine
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE